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SUBJ: CONVERSATION BETWEEN SENATOR JAVITS AND UNCTAD SYG COREA
ON UNCTAD AND CIEC

1. SENATOR JAVITS, ACCOMPANIED BY MISSION EMIN BRUNGART, CALLED ON UNCTAD SYG COREA JUNE 3. JAVITS WHO HAD ARRIVED FROM PARIS CIEC MEETING SAME MORNING FILLED IN COREA (WHO HAD LEFT PARIS JUNE 1) ON FINAL RESULTS. JAVITS CONSIDERED THAT MORE RADICAL OPEC COUNTRIES (ALGERIA, IRAQ) HAD MANIPULATED G-77 INTO REJECTING REASONABLE G-8 REQUEST FOR ONGOING ENERGY FORUM. HE EXPECTED THIS WOULD LEAVE BITTER TASTE IN MOUTH OF MANY G-8 COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD CARRY OVER INTO NUMEROUS SIDE ISSUES AND WOULD COMPLICATE TASK OF ACHIEVING FORTHCOMING PROGRAMS FOR LDC'S, PARTICULARLY IN U.S. CONGRESS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THIS WOULD BE DELICATE MATTER, HE NEVERTHELESS SUGGESTED COREA CONSIDER WHETHER UNCTAD COULD PLAY ANY ROLE IN PICKING UP ENERGY BALL.

COREA EXPRESSED RECOGNITION OF PROBLEM BUT STATED THAT LINK

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BETWEEN ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES WAS NEW ONE AND THAT UP TO NOW UNCTAD HAD NOT DEALT WITH ENERGY. HE RECOGNIZED PROBLEM WAS IMPORTANT ONE, HOWEVER, AND PROMISED GIVE CONSIDERATION TO JAVITS' POINT.

2. SENATOR REPORTED THAT OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE WAS WIDELY BEING DESCRIBED AS FAILURE. COREA SEEMED SOME-

WHAT SURPRISED BU NOTED THAT LDC'S --WHO HAD NOT RECEIVED ALL THEY WANTED AT THAT CONFERENCE EITHER -- HAD DESCRIBED UNCTAD IV AS A FAILURE DESPITE SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED.

3. COREA INDICATED RESULTS OF CIEC PUT UNCTAD IN DIFFICULT POSITION WITH REGARD TO FORTHCOMING TDB MINISTERIAL MEETING WHICH TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. HE SAID THAT MEETING WAS CHARGED WITH REVIEWING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON DEBT BUT THAT CIEC OUTCOME MADE IT CLEAR THERE WOULD NOT BE MUCH TO REVIEW. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SUCH MEETING WOULD BE HELD BEFORE REVIEW OF CIEC OUTCOME AT RESUMED 31ST GA WHICH HE SAID WOULD

BE HELD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12. (WE HAD PREVIOUSLY HEARD FROM OTHER UNCTAD SOURCE THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WILL SHORTLY BE CONDUCTING CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF TDB MINISTERIAL. THEY WOULD PROBABLY WANT IT RESCHEDULED DURING COURSE OF 1978 WHEN IT COULD SERVE AS PREPARATORY MEETING FOR UNCTAD V, WHICH COREA SAYS IS NOW LIKELY TO BE HELD IN MANILA IN JANUARY 1979.)

4. SENATOR JAVITS SAID HE HAD HOPED THAT CIEC WOULD BE CONTINUED BUT THAT FINAL OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE SEEMED INDICATE IT WILL NOT BE REVIVED. THIS MADE IT ONLY MORE IMPORTANT TO FIND ADEQUATE FORUM FOR DEALING WITH ENERGY. IN CLOSING, SENATOR OFFERED MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COREA DISCUSSIONS WITH SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN IF COREA PLANNED COME TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN NEAR FUTURE. COREA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE GOOD IDEA SOMETIME AFTER CIEC RESULTS HAVE BEEN DIGESTED.

5. PLEASE TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE, PER HIS REQUEST.
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